

This is a Divisional application based on Serial No. 09/704,686, filed November 30, 2000, by Boris E. Makutonin et al and entitled SEALING SYSTEM FOR FORMING THERMAL SEALS AND METHODS OF OPERATION THEREOF

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Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents

and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This divisional application is filed for the purpose of pursuing originally filed claims 1, 4, 7, 13, 19, 22, 23, 47, 49, 57, 61 and 63-92 and new claims 102-106 herewith added.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listings of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

In summary, the following claims are cancelled: 2, 3, 5, 6, 8-12, 14-18, 20,21, 24-46, 48, 50-56, 58-60, 62 and 93-101.

The following new claims have been added: 102-106.

The following claims have been amended: 1, 49, 88, 89, 91 and 92.

**Remarks** begin on page 27 of this paper.